

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on September 19, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration of the final rejections presented therein is requested for at least the following reasons. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification, amended claim 1 and added new claim 9. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim, and claims 1-3 and 9 are pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for discussing the present application with Applicant's Representative in a telephone Interview on October 22, 2007, in which agreement was reached as to the language of claim 1.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC §112, ¶1 as allegedly lacking written description and introducing new matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "regularly formed" rather than "regularly distributed", to conform to the specification.

Further, the specification has been amended to provide written description of the dimensional features of claims 2 and 3 by adding dimensions to the description of the embodiment of FIG. 4(A) and 4(B). This amendment to the specification is supported by claim 4 as filed, which recited the minute recesses or

projections now incorporated into claim 1 and was originally multiply dependent from any one of claims 1-3.

Consequently, claims 1-3 are supported by written description and do not add new matter.

Regarding the replacement drawing previously submitted for FIG. 4(B), it is respectfully submitted that this should be entered, as it is supported by claim 4 as originally filed, as explained above with respect to the written description requirement.

The drawings were objected to for failing to show every feature of the claims. Claim 1 has been amended accordingly, and it is respectfully requested that these objections be withdrawn.

Regarding the objection to claim 1, it is also respectfully requested that this be withdrawn in light of the amendment thereto.

Claims 2 and 3 were also objected to, but these objections will become moot if the replacement drawing sheet for FIG. 4(B) is entered, so it is also respectfully requested that these objections be withdrawn.

The specification was objected to for an informality, and has been amended accordingly. It is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by *Gentry et al.* (US 2001/0003341 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Please refer to the specification, page 8, line 22 to page 9, line 7, which reads as follows:

As shown in Fig. 4(A), minute projections and recesses are formed throughout the flange 11. That is, a number of minute projections 12 protruding on the upper surface side of the flange 11 and a number of minute recesses 13 depressed on the reverse side of the flange 11 are regularly formed. And as shown in Fig. 4(B), the outer peripheral edge 11a obtained by cutting such a flange 11 forms a vertically corrugated edge defined by a cutting line crossing the number of minute projections 12 and a number of minute recesses 13 formed throughout the flange 11.

Claim 1 as presently amended recites: "A packaging container molded of a synthetic resin sheet in a predetermined shape having an opening, comprising: a flange provided at said opening, said flange projecting outwardly from said opening; wherein *said flange is provided with regularly formed minute projections or minute recesses arranged in a pattern of at least two rows and at least two columns*; and an outer peripheral edge of the flange forms a vertically corrugated edge defined by a line crossing the minute projections or minute recesses" (emphasis added).

Nowhere in *Gentry et al.* is there any teaching or suggestion of a flange "provided with regularly formed minute projections or minute recesses arranged in a pattern of at least two rows and at least two columns".

The Office Action alleges that the waves 20 in *Gentry et al.* provide corresponding structure to the minute projections or minute recesses, but these are not "arranged in a pattern of at least two rows and at least two columns".

Consequently, claim 1 patentably defines over *Gentry et al.* and is allowable, together with claims 2 and 3 that depend therefrom.

Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious solely over *Gentry et al.* This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

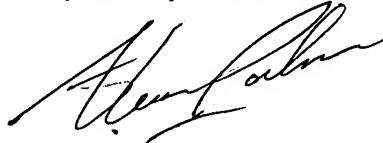
Newly added claim 9 is dependent from claim 1 and recites "said outer peripheral edge comprising alternating said minute projections and said minute recesses". This feature is supported by FIG. 4(B) and claim 9 is also believed to be allowable.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any remittance be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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